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TENG HSIAO-P'ING

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1. TENG INTERVIEW HAS RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE. REFTEL IS
A GOOD SUMMARY OF SALIENT POINTS. FOLLOWING EXTRACTS ARE
DRAWN FROM A FEW OF THE MORE EXTENSIVE, APPARENTLY RE-
LIABLE ACCOUNTS. TEXTS OF ALL AVAILABLE NEWS STORIES WILL
BE POUCHED TO PEKING, HONG KONG AND TAIPEI.

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2. FOREIGN RELATIONS:

A) SINO-US RELATIONS -- ALL PAPERS REPORTED AT LENGTH ALONG LINES REFTEL, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON "UNCONDITIONAL" WELCOME FOR PRESIDENT FORD AND TENG'S FIRM STAND ON TAIWAN, INCLUDING THE CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION: SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ROC, TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND ABOLITION OF SECURITY TREATY. ONE PAPER REPORTED THAT HE SPECIFICALLY REJECTED SENATOR JACKSON'S PROPOSAL FOR AN EMBASSY/LIAISON OFFICE SWAP. ONE EDITOR COMMENTED THAT NOTWITHSTANDING SOCIAL AND POLITICAL

DIFFERENCES, TENG SAID HE LOOKED FORWARD TO CLOSER TIES WITH THE U.S. IN THE LONG RUN.

B) USE OF FORCE VS. TAIWAN -- TENG STRESSED REPEATEDLY THAT TAIWAN MUST ULTIMATELY BECOME A PART OF CHINA. HE SAID THAT CHINA WAS WILLING TO WAIT, BUT WOULD NOT BE PINNED DOWN ON HOW LONG. HE OBSERVED THAT WHILE THE MEANS TO BE USED WERE ENTIRELY AN INTERNAL AFFAIR WHICH DID NOT CONCERN ANY OTHER NATION, THE PRC WOULD PREFER NOT TO USE FORCE. BY TWO ACCOUNTS, HOWEVER, HE ALSO METAPHORICALLY SAID, "IF THERE'S DUST ON THE FLOOR IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO REMOVE THAT DUST WITHOUT USING A BROOM." "NEWSDAY" ALSO QUOTED A "HIGHLY-PLACED OFFICIAL" AS SAYING "WE DON'T HAVE FAITH ... IN THE POSSIBILITY OF REUNIFICATION BY PEACEFUL MEANS."

C) THE POSSIBILITY OF WORLD WAR -- ALL REPORTS QUOTED TENG ON THE HIGH RISK OF A THIRD WORLD WAR, SAYING IN VARYING DEGREES THAT HE WOULD PUT THE PRIMARY BLAME ON THE SOVIETS. "NEWSDAY" DESCRIBED HIM AS SOUNDING LIKE "AMERICAN ADVOCATES OF STRONG U.S. MILITARY MIGHT" IN WARNING THAT THE U.S. HAS ALREADY LOST ITS ADVANTAGE OVER THE USSR IN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONRY AND IS BEING OVERTAKEN IN THE STRATEGIC FIELD. HE REPORTEDLY CHARACTERIZED THE US AS DEFENSIVE AND THE USSR AS OFFENSIVE, AND IDENTIFIED EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST AS THE MOST LIKELY AREAS FOR HOSTILITIES.

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D) WAR WITH THE USSR -- HE REPORTEDLY SAID HE DOUBTED THE SOVIETS WOULD ATTACK, EVEN THOUGH A MILLION TROOPS ARE STATIONED ON THE FRONTIER, BUT CHINA WOULD OF COURSE FIGHT IF SUCH AN ATTACK SHOULD OCCUR.

E) JAPAN AND KOREA -- TENG REPORTEDLY SAID THAT CHINA IS OPPOSED ON PRINCIPLE TO STATIONING FOREIGN TROOPS IN ANY COUNTRY, BUT RECOGNIZES CERTAIN REALITIES IN THE CASE

OF JAPAN (NY DAILY NEWS). ALL REPORTS INDICATE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT TENG FOUND US MILITARY TIES WITH JAPAN ACCEPTABLE. ON KOREA, MOST REPORTS HAD HIM SAYING THAT REUNIFICATION IS A QUESTION FOR THE KOREANS. ONE REPORT HAD HIM CHARACTERIZING IT AS "DIFFICULT" AND ANOTHER "NOT THE SAME AS TAIWAN." ALL AGREED THAT HE EXPLICITLY SUPPORTED NORTH KOREA'S POSITION, BUT SEVERAL SAID HE ENDORSED USE OF PEACEFUL MEANS TO PYONGYANG'S ENDS.

F) OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES -- AS REPORTED, TENG'S STATEMENTS ON DISARMAMENT AND OTHER ISSUES BROKE NO NEW GROUND.

3. DOMESTIC AFFAIRS:

DIVISION OF LABOR -- ACCORDING TO MOST REPORTS, TENG TOLD VISITORS THAT MAO'S HEALTH IS BETTER THAN RUMORED, THAT HE IS STILL TAKING CARE OF MAJOR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MATTERS, AND THAT CHOU EN-LAI IS NOT BOTHERED WITH MINOR MATTERS BUT DOES CONCERN HIMSELF WITH MAJOR QUESTIONS. ALL EDITORS WERE STRUCK BY TENG'S ASSERTION THAT HE IS NOT NO. 3, BUT MERELY "SOMEONE WHO DOES A BIT OF WORK FOR MAO AND CHOU."

SUCCESSION -- TENG REPORTEDLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS IS A MATTER FOR CONCERN. SEVERAL REPORTED HE SAID THAT SHOULD NEW LEADERS HAVE TO BE PICKED THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE WOULD DO SO QUICKLY AFTER SOUNDINGS WITH THE MASSES, AND THAT CHINA'S NEW LEADERSHIP WILL BE ON THE BASIS OF THE THREE-WAY ALLIANCE.

4. ECONOMICS:

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ACCORDING TO THE "WALL STREET JOURNAL," TENG REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE TAIWAN ISSUE MUST BE SETTLED-- ON CHINA'S TERMS--BEFORE THERE CAN BE WIDER CONTACTS AND INCREASED TRADE. ON OTHER ECONOMIC TOPICS:

PRIORITIES -- TENG IDENTIFIED PRODUCTION OF FOOD GRAINS AND STEEL AS TOP ITEMS ON THE ECONOMIC AGENDA, WITH DEVELOPMENT OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES ALSO RECEIVING FRONT-RANKING PRIORITY.

INCENTIVES -- SEVERAL EDITORS REPORTED THAT TENG CLAIMED THAT THE PRC WOULD AVOID RELIANCE ON MATERIAL INCENTIVES, PUTTING STRESS INSTEAD ON PROPER IDEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FOR THE MASSES.

PLANNING -- ONE REPORT QUOTES TENG AS REFERRING TO
TEN-YEAR AND TWENTY-FIVE-YEAR PLANS. ACCORDING TO THIS
SINGLE SOURCE, TENG SAID THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE FIRST
OF THESE IS TO ACHIEVE SELF-RELIANCE IN INDUSTRY, AGRI-
CULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY (THIS STRIKES US AS SOMEWHAT

GARBLED).
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